



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22-26-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-577); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FERC-577 (Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No comments were received on the 60-day notice published on August 29, 2022.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-577 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0128) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22-26-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- Electronic Filing: Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.
 - Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
 - Hand (including courier) delivery: Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-577, Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0128.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-577 with no changes to the current

reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC–577 contains the Commission’s information collection pertaining to regulations which implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as the reporting requirements for landowner notifications. These requirements are contained in 18 CFR parts 2, 157, 284, and 380. The information to be submitted includes draft environmental material in accordance with the provisions of part 380 of FERC’s regulations in order to implement the Commission’s procedures under NEPA. Without such information, the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory responsibilities under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), NEPA, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Specifically, these responsibilities include ensuring company activities remain consistent with the public interest, which is specified in the NGA and inherent in the other statutes.

Type of Respondents: Companies proposing Natural Gas Projects under section 7 and Jurisdictional Gas Pipeline and Storage Companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost² for the information collection as follows:

| FERC-577, NATURAL GAS FACILITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| | Number of Respondents (1) | Number of Responses Per Respondent | Total Number of Responses (1) * (2) = (3) | Average Burden Hours & Average Cost per Response (\$) (rounded) | Total Annual Burden Hours & Total Annual | Cost per Respondent (\$) (rounded) |

¹ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

² The Commission staff estimates that industry is similarly situated in terms of hourly cost (for wages plus benefits). Based on the Commission’s FY (Fiscal Year) 2022 average cost (for wages plus benefits), \$188,922 or \$91.00/hour is used.

| | | (2) | | (4) | Cost (\$) (rounded) (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) = (6) |
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| Gas Pipeline Certificates ¹ | 101 | 16 | 1,616 | 193.52 hours; \$17,610.32 | 312,725 hours; \$28,457,975 | \$281,762.13 |
| Landowners Notification ² | 164 | 144 | 23,616 | 2 hours; \$182 | 47,232 hours; \$4,298,112 | \$26,208 |
| TOTAL | | | 25,232 | | 359,957 hours; \$32,756,087 | |

¹ Requirements are found in 18 CFR parts 2, 157, and 380.

² Requirements are found in 18 CFR 157(d), 157(f), 2.55(a), 2.55(b), 284.11, and 380.15.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 2, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.